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MICHIGAN HALL OF JUSTICE TO BE DEDICATED OCTOBER 8

LANSING, MI, October 4, 2002 – The Michigan Hall of Justice officially opens next week with a dedication ceremony on Tuesday, October 8, the Michigan Supreme Court announced today.

“As we have done since 1995, the Court will hear the first oral argument of the new term in the old Supreme Court Chambers in the Capitol, starting at 9:30 a.m.,” said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. The session will open with remarks from Wallace D. Riley, president of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society. The case the Court will hear is *Dressel v. AmeriBank* (please see related press release).

After the oral argument, the Court will adjourn for a procession across the Capitol Mall to the Hall of Justice, led by a Color Guard from the Michigan Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery and the Glen Erin Pipe Band of Lansing. The dedication ceremony begins at noon and lasts approximately one hour. The ceremony is open to the public, as is the reception that follows. Tours of the Hall of Justice will also be available following the ceremony.

Featured speakers include Governor John Engler, Senator Harry Gast, Justice Michael F. Cavanagh, Lansing Mayor David C. Hollister, State Bar President Reginald M. Turner, Jr., and Chief Justice Corrigan.

The ceremony will open with an invocation from The Most Reverend Kenneth J. Povish, Retired Bishop of Lansing. The final benediction will be given by Rabbi David A. Nelson of Congregation Beth Shalom of Oak Park.

Performing at the ceremony will be the Royal Oak Children’s Choir and the Cass Technical High School Concert Choir of Detroit. Also performing will be the Grand Valley State University Symphonic Wind Ensemble. The ceremony will open with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by student winners of the 2002 State Bar of Michigan Law Day Essay Contest.

For more information about the Hall of Justice and the dedication ceremony, please visit <http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Press/index.htm>.